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Likud nears 'practical' approach toward PA

LIAT COLLINS

NEARLY all the members of the Likud's political forum met yesterday afternoon and expressed their support for a "practical" approach toward the Palestinian Authority, and the need to negotiate with it if the Likud wins the next elections.

MK Ze'ev Begin maintained his opposition to adopting a softer policy on the PA.

The forum will meet again tomorrow to continue its discussions.

It failed to fully accept a new policy during yesterday's three-hour meeting, and afterward the MKs maintained an unusual silence, refusing to talk to the press.

The discussion focused on whether to announce in advance recognition of the PA if the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction are rescinded. Most seem to favor a practical and public change in approach.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu refused to openly express his opinion, but is known to favor a more flexible policy.

Asked to respond to the charge by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid that the Likud is trying to decide whether to face up to reality, Netanyahu said: "I think Sarid is the one who should recognize the reality of what the PLO is and what it does. Sarid is the one who hasn't woken up to it yet."

"When we return to power, we'll have to handle the negotiations from the point they've reached at the time. The Likud will have to act according to the (Continued on Page 2)

Chirac announces end of nuke tests

PARIS (Reuters) - President Jacques Chirac announced an end to France's bitterly-disputed nuclear weapons tests in the South Pacific yesterday after six underground blasts in the last five months.

In a short televised statement, Chirac said France would take initiatives on disarmament and European defense in the coming weeks.

"I announce to you today the final end of French nuclear tests," the president said. Full story, Page 5

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Onman workers clash with police outside the Clal building in Tel Aviv yesterday. Story, Page 2. (Ailon Ron/Israel Sun)

Barak: US bridging proposals not good idea

STEVE RODAN

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday that he opposes allowing the US to raise proposals to narrow the gap with Syria in an effort to reach a peace accord this year.

"I don't think American bridging proposals are the most effective way to reach an agreement," he told the Foreign Press Association. "I think the best way is for both sides to reach it by themselves."

Barak's position differs from that of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who supported US proposals to advance the negotiations during his trip to Washington in December.

Talks between Israel and Syria continued last night in Maryland following the weekend break.

Israeli sources said last week that they expect Washington to formally submit its plan to resolve the remaining disputes, should Secretary of State Warren Christopher fail to significantly narrow the gaps during his Middle-East shuttle next week.

Barak, however, said he does not see any need for such an American effort. He said that during his US visit last week, President Bill Clinton said the substance of the Israel-Syrian talks was more important than meeting any deadlines, either for the Israeli or US elections.

"It is too early for any kind of bridging proposals," Barak said, "the nature of which should be to

bridge something not very wide. Otherwise, you might violate the principles of one side."

Israeli officials, including Minister Yossi Beilin, said that they don't expect an accord to be reached this year unless the Syrians change their positions on several key issues during Christopher's upcoming trip.

Barak said Israel and Syria have advanced somewhat in their negotiations, particularly in warming up the atmosphere. But he doubted whether an accord could be reached this year, citing significant disagreements on water rights and security arrangements.

"After the next visit by Secre-

tary Christopher, or a week or two later, we will be able to make a judgment if the ground is right for a fully detailed agreement," Barak said. "Any type of serious solution will take long negotiations with many ups and downs." Barak said that he advocates Israeli control of all the water flowing into the Kinneret. He said security arrangements must ensure the Syrians cannot stage a surprise attack and decrease the possibility of a major Syrian military offensive.

Six secular settlements set up forum for non-ideological issues

HERB KEINON

SIX heads of large, predominantly secular settlements in Judea and Samaria met in Givat Ze'ev yesterday and set up a new forum that they say will deal more with practical, rather than ideological, settlement issues.

Although those at the meeting denied that the forum was a break-away group from the Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, its very establishment represents a criticism of what the forum's members openly say is the council's over emphasis on ideological matters.

The local council heads who attended yesterday's meeting were Shlomo Katan of Alfei Menashe, Zvi Mayafit from Oranit, Yisrael Harush from Beit Aryeh, Shaul Mizrahi from Givat Ze'ev, David Kopolovitch from Ma'aleh Eramim, and Ron Nahman from Ariel.

The establishment of the new forum follows a call last week by the Rabbinical Forum in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to the settlement council to hold new internal elections. This call came amid rising criticism in some settlements that the council is not ideological enough.

But according to Oranit's Mayafit, "For a long time now, the Council of settlements has not pro-

vided us with answers to municipal problems, such as transportation and housing. I want the council to deal more with making sure that the inter-ministerial committee on settlements meet, and less on Joseph's Tomb."

David Kopolovitch, head of the Ma'aleh Eramim Local Council, said this forum will constitute another interest group inside the council. "I think we have to be more practical," he said. "We have to help citizens on a daily basis."

Kopolovitch complained that at a recent meeting of settlement heads with OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, "Seventy percent of the time was dealt with talking about Joseph's Tomb, *div rodof* and administrative detention. This is interesting, but for another meeting, I want to know how to solve the security problems in my settlement."

One of the settlement heads noticeably absent from the meeting was Benny Kashriel, mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim, the largest settlement in the areas. Kashriel said that although he agrees that the settlement council should concentrate more on practical matters, "this is the worst possible time to create divisions inside the council."

This plays into the hands of Meretz and the government who want to weaken the settlements."

Yecheiel Leiter, a spokesman for the settlement council, said that dealing with ideological issues is necessary. "Who is going to deal with these issues if we don't?" he asked. "Who is going to deal with administrative detainees, if not us?"

One of the forum's decisions yesterday was to set up a meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres. The settlement council turned down a meeting with Peres two weeks ago. According to Leiter, "We say that there is nothing to talk about with Peres, while he is pointing an accusatory finger at us and continues to sell us down the river. It is irrelevant to talk about stop fights, when the Palestinians are pointing Kalashnikov rifles at us."

In a related matter, Moshe Leibowitz, head of the Betar Local Council, said the government interministerial committee that has to approve new housing in the settlements is scheduled to meet next week to discuss construction of 2,000 units in the hard settlements of Betar and Kiryat Sefer. Leibowitz said the meeting had been scheduled for this week, but was put off.

Border Police trying women in tactical units

BILL HUTMAN

THE Border Police's tactical units - including the anti-terror unit - are to be opened to women, as part of a "first ever" plan to encourage women to serve in the force's elite units, the head of the Border Police, Cmdr. Yisrael Sadan, revealed yesterday.

"This has never been done before in either the army or police, and I would even call it a courageous move," Sadan told a Jerusalem press conference.

The first group of 40 women is to begin basic training for the units at the beginning of next month. By the end of the year, about 100 women are likely to be serving in such units, Sadan said. A handful of women are already serving in police anti-riot units, as well as in the Border

Police undercover unit disguised as Arabs in operations in the territories.

Sadan cautioned that the plan is experimental and that the women, at least in the initial stage, will only serve within the Green Line.

"We will be watching their performance and motivation levels closely," Sadan said. The Border Police chief psychologist has been assigned to oversee a team of officers that will decide whether to make the plan permanent, he said. Meanwhile, Sadan also revealed that only "several kilometers of fence are to be built along the seam area between Israel and

the autonomous Palestinian territories, not the dozens of kilometers originally talked about.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres had decided to lessen the use of fences in the "separation plan" first discussed early last year, and rely more on special technologies and patrols, Sadan said.

The Border Police is undergoing a major transformation, "from an occupation force, to a force that is leading the way in cooperation [with the Palestinian Police]" in such activities as joint patrols, Sadan said.

The Border Police has been beefed up by 1,000 new recruits this year. Its ranks are to rise from about 5,700 this year to 6,700 next year; in line with a budget increase.

Ethiopian donated blood to be frozen

BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

HEALTH Minister Efraim Sneh last night ordered all blood donations from citizens of Ethiopian descent to be frozen and not discarded.

The decision followed the director of the Central Blood Bank's disclosure earlier in the day that he had not been instructed to stop discarding the blood, and the demand by the Knesset Absorption Committee that the government change its "policy of discrimination" against citizens of Ethiopian origin.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he would widen the mandate of commission of inquiry into blood donations by Ethiopian immigrants to include all the problems related to the community's absorption. At a joint meeting of coalition factions in the Knesset, Peres said the incident was "painful" and had caused "indiscernible damage."

"It's not a political subject," Peres said. "It touches on the very roots of Jewish history." At the prolonged and emotional session of the Absorption Committee - which included representatives of the Ethiopian immigrant community and Sneh and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban - blood bank head Dr. Amnon Ben-David apologized for racist remarks attributed to him.

"I did not take the decision [to dispose of donated blood], but I accepted it, only to prevent pain

in the community. I apologize to you from the bottom of my heart," Ben-David said. Community representatives were persuaded not to leave the chamber in protest when he spoke.

Tzaban described the news of the discarded blood, which came in an article in *Ma'ariv*, as a "burn on our national flesh." The issue sparked a violent demonstration in Jerusalem on Sunday.

He said he fears the problem will not disappear for a very long time, because it goes beyond blood. It is compounded, he said, by the lack of recognition of the community by the rabbinate, the lack of synagogues, problems in schools and the IDF, and failure (Continued on Page 2)

Ministry to act against 'scared' MD

THE Health Ministry said last night it would take action against cardiac surgeon Prof. Danny Gur, following his remarks on Channel 1's *Popolitica* program regarding patients, including Ethiopian immigrants, who pose serious risks to doctors.

Gur said said if an Ethiopian child were brought to him, he would operate on him immediately. "But," he added, "if I were asked if I am prepared to operate on patients from groups which pose a danger, I would try to get out of it because I am afraid."

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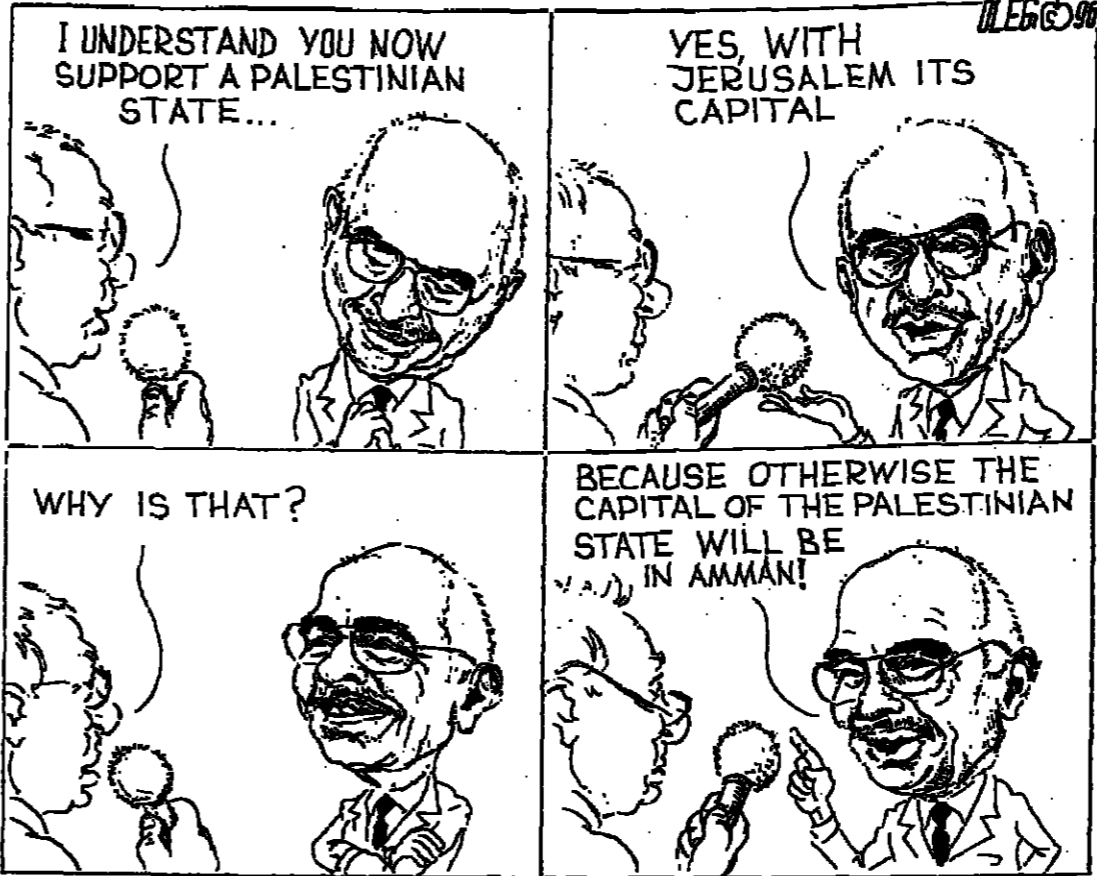
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The Jerusalem negotiations

Swedish newspaper claims that Minister Yossi Beilin, in Stockholm to receive a peace prize, will discuss the future of Jerusalem with fellow prize winner Yasser Arafat.
For four months now, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert has been insisting that representatives of Israel and the PLO have been meeting secretly in Europe, mostly in Austria and Holland, preparing an Oslo-like agreement on Jerusalem.

OPINION



Message worth hearing

The political graffiti in my local synagogue have returned with a vengeance. Following a short lull in the immediate aftermath of the Rabin assassination, the posters advertising demonstrations in the guise of prayer meetings in Hebron, Bethlehem and Jerusalem disappeared. But the cease-fire period is over.

DAVID NEWMAN
The territorial message of Gush Emunim. It was followed by the creation of Netivot Shalom, in the wake of the Lebanon War, and the eventual consolidation of these two movements into a single religious peace movement.

place. While the biblical borders of a Greater Israel may have important historical value, they are meaningless when set against the values of human life and the avoidance of future wars. For religious moderates, it is adam (man/woman) rather than adama (land) which takes precedence.

Life plan

JOHN PERRY

THERE is nothing intrinsically disabling about being left-handed, but when the world is organized for right-handers, it can be a real handicap.

I am not left-handed, but I have another less well-known handicap. I am a horizontal organizer in a world set up for vertical organizers.

When they need that stuff again, they reach into the filing cabinet, pull out the folder (which has been neatly labeled and put in a completely logical part of the file drawer) and resume working on their project.

Then there are people like me. Recently I was working on a letter to a medical clinic explaining why my bill is screwed up and I don't owe them as much money as they think I do.

It's pretty complicated stuff, and I didn't finish by the time I had to leave. A vertical organizer would have scooped the papers up and put them in a file to retrieve later. There would then be a bare spot on the desk, a dead giveaway we're dealing with a vertical organizer.

Of course, I left the letter on the desk, with the other documents around it. This is the mark of the horizontal organizer: I like all the things I am working on spread out in front of me, where they can beckon me to continue working on them.

I do use filing cabinets. They are for storing finished things one plans never to look at again, and putting things that one would feel bad about throwing away, but has no intention of reading.

Suppose an old colleague I dream of a Lazy Susan to handle all my paperwork

sends you a long, boring paper she has just finished. It would be mean to throw it away - and one would no doubt have to lie the next time one saw the person.

But if one puts the essay in a filing cabinet, one can say, "Yes, it's in my file of things to read this summer" - which is a truth, even if the chances of reading the paper this summer (or fall or winter or spring) are nil.

Looking as it does, my desk is likely to attract critical comments from vertical organizers. These people tend to think that a desk piled high with paper is the sign of a disorganized person.

Not so. If some thought were put into a good document storage and retrieval system for horizontally organized people, we could be as organized and neat as anyone else.

Here is my idea: Instead of a desk, I would like to have a very large Lazy Susan in my office. This is the rotating circular platform famously found on tables in Chinese restaurants. My whole life could then be spread on the circular surface. It could have little pie-shaped areas labeled with letters of the alphabet.

When I had gotten as far as I could with the letter to the medical clinic, I would have just turned the Lazy Susan until I came to the right spot and placed the materials there.

With my projects thus laid out, each would have a claim on my attention that it could never have lurking in a file drawer. And yet all would be neatly organized, just as organized as if I were a vertical organizer.

Admittedly, a large Lazy Susan would take up a lot of space in my office, which is rather small. I kind of imagine myself like people I have seen in photos of model railroad clubs.

The whole room is taken up with the train board - little towns, papier-mache mountains and lots of track running everywhere. The operator ducks under all of this and pops up in the middle somewhere.

Since Lazy Susans are round and my office is square, my chair would presumably be in one of the spaces left in the corners. I could come in, crawl under the Lazy Susan into the corner, and pop up ready to work as efficiently and neatly as any vertically organized person.

I could also wear one of those denim engineer caps - although I suppose that isn't strictly necessary to make the system work.

(Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH OFFENDED

Sir, - I strongly protest against the caricature Oleg made in The Jerusalem Post of January 15, showing the dying Christ and Mr. Arafat covering the word "Judeo-Desamur" with the word "Palestinian."

Shetret by publishing such an article? These comments get further support in Michal Yudelman's article of January 19, "Blondes have fun" and the caption under the picture of Pina Rosenbloom.

CYNICAL STAND

Sir, - Haim Ramon has been kind enough to distill his views on religious equality in Israel ("Ramon: I won't register Reform convert as Jew," January 22) and they go something like this:

LEBANON'S CHRISTIANS

Sir, - There appears to be one important element left out of the intensifying peace negotiations between Syria and Israel, the future of Lebanese Christians.

drawal of Israel from the southern security zone of Lebanon will open the door to an escalation of Islamist activity leading to a further erosion of the Christian community of Lebanon and to continuing threats against Israel.

MISGUIDED

Sir, - Why, in the face of the recent murders of two Israeli soldiers by Hamas, does Prime Minister Peres continue to release murderers and other terrorists from prison?

THE VERY REV. KEITH RODERICK, Secretary General of the Coalition for the Defense of Human Rights under Islamization Macomb, Illinois.

A naval story with heart

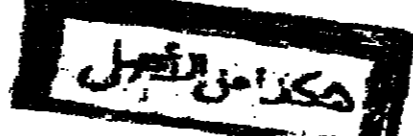
Let me say right at the outset that I don't want to go back to the days when sailors were flogged. Neither am I suggesting that we reintroduce keelhauling, hanging from yards, clapping in irons, confining below decks on bread and water, or any of the other less than charming methods of enforcing discipline in what used to be a pretty tough navy to serve in.

SI FRUMKIN
semittism wasn't involved, so who am I to say it was? But back to Michael Schwartz and that great friend of the US, Saudi Arabia.

Some allies are more equal than others, some spies much less

humanitarian beacon of freedom in the Middle East. It was the least the US could do for an ally, right? It didn't even complain when its troops weren't allowed to fly the Stars and Stripes outside their barracks, when female military personnel were told not to be seen in public, when troops were not allowed to celebrate Christmas openly, hold church services, or even display Christmas trees so as not to offend their allies' sensitivities.

found guilty of four violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other federal statutes for willfully delivering national defense information over a period of two years, from November 1992 to September 1994, when he was caught, to officers of foreign naval services. There was "intent or reason to believe it would be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia."



Life plan

Actresses exist most profoundly within the lives they borrow, but they generally know where to draw the line. Jennifer Jason Leigh knows just where to draw it.

In her new movie, Georgia, Leigh doesn't play Georgia. She plays her sister, Sadie, who wants to be Georgia.



Jennifer Jason Leigh plays a woman who wants nothing more than to be her sister.

Shamelessly imposing, desperately needy and occasionally pathetic - prime Leigh territory - Sadie is a woman living a co-opted existence: the marginally talented relative of a really big singing star. Sadie desires nothing more than to be her own sibling.

'Georgia' is on her mind

JOHN ANDERSON NEW YORK

pure acting to personal investment. "She's just burning herself into the ground," Leigh says of Sadie, looking small and pale herself.

own line. And she wants to be thought of as this Janis Joplin character, too. "But what she really wants to be is Georgia, who is one of the very few characters around who is neither hero nor villain. Sadie isn't untalented - plenty of careers have been built on less - she just lacks a self. And where it leads her - into alcoholism, drugs, stupid affairs and two-bit gigs in bowling alleys - is the stuff of the film.

"because whenever I do anyone's song I would try to do it as close to that person as possible, because that's who Sadie is. She's dying to be Georgia, but when she sings other people's songs... When she does a Van Morrison song, it's Van Morrison, ya know? And yet, the more she tries to become these other people, the more she becomes herself. The thing I didn't even realize until I saw the film was that the more she tries to emulate others, the more Sadie she becomes."

"I had this germ of an idea about two sisters," she says, "one with a voice from God and one with a voice, as John Doe says, from Detroit. It was about the relationship between the eternal screw-up and the one who's so grounded. "I also always wanted to do a movie about sisters, because I have two sisters and I'm really close to both of them, and I find these relationships moving and fascinating and a big part of my life. So, anyway, I told her this vague idea, and she said she liked it and that she'd be interested in writing it."

eight-and-a-half minute performance of Van Morrison's "Take Me Back," a rambling, passionate musical meditation that Sadie sings onstage in the middle of a Georgia concert. It was done in two takes, and is extraordinary to watch, a collision of desire and fate.

Tori Amos: A trial by fire

NEW RELEASES TIRZAH AGASSI

Tori Amos's third major album, Boys For Pele (Hed Arzi), is dedicated to the Hawaiian volcano goddess (pronounced Peyley). Would-be pagan Amos is a Southern minister's daughter who sings: "Honey, We're Recovering Christians."

richer than before: she can handle a whole song playing only a grand piano, as on the lovely "Horses." She can also get down dirty, playing the piano and harpsichord along with a rhythm section that includes both electronic drum programming and the African drumming of Mann Katche on "Professional Widow," a bitch-fest apparently aimed at Kurt Cobain's widow Courtney Love.



Amos hasn't used up her talent, but she's coming close to exhausting her audience's patience with her personal agenda.

Pele may not be an album that everyone can live with. Nonetheless it contains many gems that deserve notice. The delicate tone and precise lyrics of "Hey Jupiter" stand out: "no one's picking up the phone/ guess it's

clear he's gone/ and this little masochist's lifting up her dress." The song and its execution are beautiful. But there's the rub. Amos may be struggling to overcome her masochism. But along the way, she makes it mighty

attractive. She does make progress, though, in taking responsibility for driving the man away. At the end of her long-winded odyssey, Amos confesses that "I killed a man." This seems to be a melo-

dramatic way of admitting that she knows that she's rather a pain as she struggles to be the most original star in the firmament. Hopefully next time she'll focus on bringing through light, rather than fire.

The Elizabethans brought to life; Beethoven mellows out

CONCERT ROUNDUP

THIS recital by lutenist Anthony Rooley and soprano Evelyn Tubb of the Consort of Music was quite an occasion for connoisseurs of early music.

William Lawes. She delivered the messages not only through her voice, but also via body language, which probably reflected the way these pieces were enacted in their own time.

arrangement of a Rossini String Quartet - displayed an unerring sense for highlighting the characteristic qualities peculiar to each instrument.

Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes by Weber invariably remained a hide-and-seek game for the 'e' who are intent on detecting Weber's themes beneath Hindemith's willful treatment.

divertimento or a silly sound-and-light presentation of Scriabin's Poem of Fire. It would have been much more rewarding to hear Susanna Poretzky sing several more arias.

That said, one could enjoy cellist Emanuel Gruber's sincere and powerful rendition of Hindemith's cello concerto, in which the Musica Nova ensemble was conducted with precision by Noam Sheriff.

Former Bolshoi star also proves an inspiring teacher

With each new performance, Nina Timofeyeva brings the ballet workshop of the Academy High School in Jerusalem closer to professional standards. The program at the Rebecca Crown Theater was evidence confirming that the group is well on its way.

chosen highly emotional roles for her students; there were no swans or Giselles. The accent was on achievement. Thus, excerpts from The Sleeping Beauty were confined to the divertissement, mostly of the third act, and the emphasis was on joy and skill. The aim was obviously to show what the dancers could do - and they impressed. Even those who have memories of great Russian Blue Birds could enjoy this staging to the last leap.

In the Carmen duet, the stress was rightly on the gypsy's triumph over her lover Don Jose, but one missed a hint of the tragedy to come. The fairies were all as lovely as fairies can be, and the courtiers were admirable too. The costumes were splendid - worthy of any full-scale staging. There were only three male dancers, but they filled their roles admirably.

what looked like feathers. The music, however, was quite beautiful; the solo voice lovely.

Oh, yes. The show began with a man having his hair combed. Dora Sowden

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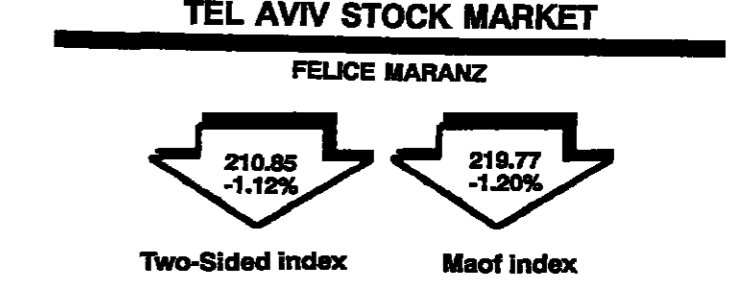
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Central bank rate hike hits stocks



STOCKS fell yesterday after the Maof Index fell 1.20% to 219.77, and the Two-Sided Index dropped 1.12% to 210.85. Losses in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange were led by Koor Industries Ltd., which fell 1.5%.

FTSE Index closes slightly lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP
LONDON (Reuters) - UK blue chips ended a quiet session slightly lower as a scarcity of corporate or economic news kept many institutional investors on the sidelines.

PARIS - French shares closed higher on optimism ahead of the publication today of French and German plans to boost economic growth.

ZURICH - Swiss shares re-occupied losses, supported by a stronger opening on Wall Street and a partial recovery in bond futures.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks bolted into record territory for the second session in a row yesterday, propelled by hopes that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates at a two-day meeting of its policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee.

PARIS - The 25-share Nikkei average shed 74.64 points or 0.36 percent to close at 20,589.20.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended down on the day but dealers said the market should pick up during the week barring any mishap on Wall Street, after opening sleepily and looking tired for most of the day.

Dow ends at record high

WALL STREET REPORT
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DODGE CITY - Boston's Ted Donato (21) ducks under a check from Montreal's Chris Murray (57) in first period action in Montreal on Sunday.

Canadiens edge Bruins

MONTREAL (AP) - Martin Rucinsky scored two goals and set up another Sunday, leading the Montreal Canadiens past Boston 5-4 in the Bruins' final visit to the Forum.

The Canadiens are to move into a new home March 16. Montreal goaltender Jocelyn Thibault had to leave the game with a pulled shoulder muscle after a collision with teammate Patrice Brisebois late in the first period. Brian Savage and Pierre Turgeon also scored for Montreal.

Rucinsky had five goals and five assists in three Canadiens' victories over a four-day period. Valeri Bure, Brian Savage and Pierre Turgeon also scored for Montreal. Sandy Moger scored twice while Dave Reid and Adam Oates also had goals for Boston.

NHL scoring leaders (through January 28)

Player/Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PPM
Lemieux, PIT	41	45	54	99	36
Jay, PIT	46	40	56	96	32
Francis, PIT	46	21	60	81	22
Messier, NYR	50	36	37	73	36
Grubb, LA	50	14	58	72	30
Sakic, COL	49	31	37	68	30
Selanne, WIN	48	24	44	68	16
Forsberg, COL	49	15	52	67	31
Yanick, NYR	50	34	33	67	34

GUESS WHO? Dallas' Larry Brown is the second defensive back to be named Super Bowl MVP. Who was the first? Lawrence Taylor, William "the Refrigerator" Perry, Jake Scott, Dick Butkas.

Answer to Friday's "Guess Which": The Kansas City Chiefs were the first team to lose a Super Bowl (1967) and then win one in another season (1970).

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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
N.Y. Rangers	30	11	9	69	187	138	18-2-5	12-9-4	6-1-4
Florida	30	13	5	65	172	130	17-5-2	13-8-3	12-4-1
Philadelphia	24	15	5	59	169	172	14-6-5	9-12-7	5-5-5
Washington	23	20	5	51	132	122	14-8-3	9-12-2	7-9-2
New Jersey	21	22	5	47	126	121	16-10-0	5-12-5	9-2-2
Tampa Bay	20	20	7	47	139	157	12-7-4	8-13-3	4-8-3
Dallas	12	27	8	32	133	179	7-11-5	5-16-3	5-12-1

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Israel's World Cup qualifying match schedule determined

Scharf slams 'scandalous' Russian-Bulgarian deal

THE national soccer team's World Cup qualifying schedule was fixed last night when representatives from European qualifying Group 5 met in Tel Aviv to determine the group's schedule.

Group favorites Russia and Bulgaria arrived with an apparent strategy already in place, and the outcome of the meeting - which opened in the early morning and was completed only at 6:30 p.m. - means the two sides play both their matches after all the others are completed.

With Israel looking, on paper at least, the next strongest team in the group, it will be imperative to gain as many points as possible against Cyprus and Luxembourg.

Gordon helps Hapoel Jerusalem beat Hapoel Tel Aviv, retain first place

HAPOEL Tel Aviv, who've beaten Hapoel Jerusalem in Malha more than any other club, almost did it again last night, but clutch shooting and passing by Jerusalem's Adi Gordon in the final minutes gave his team an 86-82 victory, allowing it to stay atop the National Basketball League.

Not even Nanad Markovitch's 35 points could deny Jerusalem the victory although at times Markovitch and his hustling young teammates looked like they were on the verge of an upset.

Lezion. The victory kept Hapoel Jerusalem (11-1), led by Norris Coleman with 22, in first place thanks to its first round victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv. Gordon had 19 and Thompson 16.

It's official: Magic is back

INGLEWOOD, CA (AP) - Magic Johnson returned to the NBA from an off-and-on retirement by signing a contract yesterday with the Los Angeles Lakers for the remainder of the season.

Rosen said Johnson will decide following this season what he wants to do thereafter. Johnson will be 37 by the time the 1996-97 season starts.

NBA scoring leaders (through January 28)

Player/Team	GP	PTS	FG	FT	PTS AVG
Jordan, CHI	41	471	180	124	31.1
Melton, UTA	41	282	277	107	26.0
Robinson, S.A.	40	336	306	102	25.5
O'Leary, HOU	44	441	238	1123	25.5
Mourning, HOU	30	241	245	734	24.5
Hardaway, ORL	42	337	288	1019	24.3
C. Robinson, POR	28	299	182	899	23.7
Catalano, LAL	40	349	221	937	23.4
Rice, CHI	38	384	181	904	23.2
Richmond, SEA	26	289	287	854	21.1
Barkley, PHO	33	254	221	757	20.9
Ellis, S.A.	35	256	187	781	22.3
Evans, NYJ	37	342	332	898	22.1
Robinson, MI	24	324	275	866	21.7
Papan, CHI	41	335	185	1486	21.6
Johnson, CHI	40	302	210	857	21.4
Baker, MIL	40	342	167	854	21.4
Kemp, SEA	41	259	257	865	21.2
Hill, DET	40	299	246	844	21.1
Miles, IND	40	261	230	843	21.1

UMass holding steady at No. 1 in AP poll

NEW YORK (AP) - Massachusetts was atop the college basketball poll for the sixth straight week today, while Eastern Michigan was ranked for the first time since moving to Division I for the 1974-75 season.

Eastern Michigan (15-1) moved into the rankings at No. 23. The Eagles, whose only loss was at Texas-El Paso, came in on eight-game winning streak, all in the Mid-American Conference.

Memphis led the Second Ten and was followed by Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, Arizona, Texas Tech, Iowa, Purdue, Syracuse, UCLA and Michigan.

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